

# Residence crisis hits 1000 Erindale students

by Tom Maloney  
Editor, Medium II

The Erindale campus is badly in need of additional student housing, according to Housing Director Mike Lavelle. The Housing Office processed approximately 1300 applications over the summer, but had only 280 places available in the town house style residences. Of the 280 places, 165 were filled by students who were in residence during the 1974-75 school year and had priority over new applications, leaving 115 available places.

"Out of the 1300 applications we counted on 800 as legitimate in terms of people seriously looking for a place to live," reserved Lavelle. "The other 500 we wrote off as people who decided on another university or who decided against living in residence."

Of the 1300 applications, Lavelle estimated that 800 came from freshmen. "The sophomores, juniors, and seniors know better than to bother applying," he said.

The need for new residences is obvious, and plans have already been drawn up to ease the demand. However, money is tight within the University and the mortgaging of the new housing has become the major obstacle to the commencement of construction.

"The present houses are mortgaged at 50 years at an interest rate lower than the market rate. This allows us to establish low student rates," explained Lavelle. "We are looking for a mortgage which will allow us to establish low rates (on the new houses) but the present mortgage situation on the market is im-

possible.

"We have the plans and permission for the new residences, the only hold-up is the mortgage problem."

There is one other "consideration", admitted Lavelle. At present, the residences pay for themselves. This is accomplished because a low vacancy rate is maintained during the summer period through the efforts of the Housing office. Because the houses are generally filled in the summer, student rents are kept to a minimum during the school term. However, there exists a question as to the possibility of filling an additional 50-60 houses, which the plans call for. Lavelle believes that this consideration can be handled without interfering with the local hotel-

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Over 1,300 applications were received at the Erindale Housing Office, but only 285 students could be placed on campus. Credit: Michael Sawitzki



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At Erindale College of the University of Toronto

## Orientation '75

# A real zinger?

by Robert Mowat

A veritable flood of first year students descended on Erindale from September 2nd to the 6th of the same month. The occasion? None other than Orientation '75. But fear not, the campus managed to avoid being washed away by this seething tide of humanity—largely because the crowds were something less than overwhelming. In actuality, only the approximate number of 175 freshmen signed up to partake of the multifaceted extravaganza that had been planned for them by Erindale's answer to the UAW, our very own Erindale College Student's Union.

But wait, you may say, even 175 eager beaver froshies is nothing to sneer at in this age of advanced apathy. And yes, I humbly concur, that would be all so true if it were not for the mysterious disappearance of a good 50 of the original 175 new faces, somewhere between their point of departure and the final destination. If my math is correct, (and I don't even need a pocket calculator to work it out),

175 minus 50 produces the grand sum of 125 or thereabouts. Hardly earthshaking.

Still, although the response was less than devastating, the basic premise was good and merits applause. The switch from high school to college is one that can cause even the most self-assured individual to quake just a little when first setting foot on these hallowed acres. Simply on my own first year experiences, the lot of the newcomer to a cold and impartial edifice as good ol' Erindale, is not an easy one. Mine may not have been the norm, since only two other persons other than myself were known to me on my first day at classes—and they weren't even in the same building as myself, yet even if you enter Erindale surrounded by hundreds of adoring worshippers, you might still miss the opportunity to meet some of the people, or do some of the things that Orientation makes possible.

In fact, when you grade Orientation '75 in the light of its being a relative newcomer to the already swollen ranks of university "lets welcome the juniors by making their first week hell" weeks, ECSU's edition comes off as one for the plus side of the ledger. Not in evidence were the rather childish attempts at humour as are practiced at Queens University, out Kingston way. No greased pole to be climbed by the fearful first year, with the dreadful possibility of dropping into a pit of organic matter that will go unnamed here. Instead, we have Dan Hill concerts, pyjama pubs, and Mung Bug Lines...Mung Bug Lines? Anyway, what with the O'Keefe caravan getting stuck in the middle of the lawn fronting the library, and the unscheduled addition of an air hammer accompaniment to folksinger Dan Hill's formerly solo act, along

with a few other odd gremlins that snuck in to liven up the proceedings, (there is no truth to the rumour that Mississauga Transit has offered to start running their buses on time if they are given the name of culprit who snatched their bus stop marker from the front of the South Building), the whole shebang was pretty much a success.

Not that there isn't room for improvement, mind, but that's something to be worked on for next year at least assuming we have one next year. It would be kind of a shame if this years organizers let success go to their heads and decided to quite while they were ahead. I mean, come on guys, we can't wait to see what you're going to come up with next year to equal a Mung Bug.



The Mississauga transit sign was removed from its original site to the mung tent during orientation.

## Medium II acquires CUP News Service

Medium II editor Tom Maloney announced in June that the Medium II had become a member of the Canadian University Press news service which provides a tri-weekly update for universities throughout Canada on matters of particular interest to college students. CUP utilizes sources in both universities and in other centres where news stories with a bearing on university affairs may originate.

Editor Maloney stressed the importance of the Medium II becoming a member of CUP by stating that this move would strengthen the paper's status as a University-wide newspaper while continuing to provide a majority of Erindale content. In addition, he said that the Medium II was fortunate to have realized this acquisition since it would allow access to national and regional occurrences which could affect Erindale and other U of T

students. It would also permit a greater percentage of feature stories and in-depth reporting.

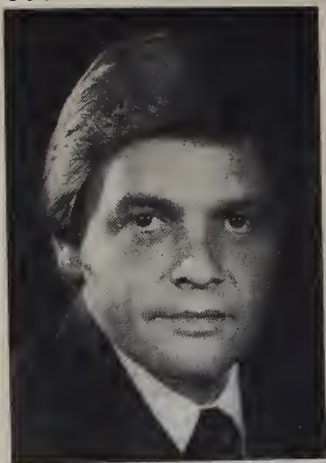
To ensure the best useage of the CUP service, Robert Mowat has been appointed CUP editor to channel the incoming material to the appropriate news departments. This editor will also be responsible for insertion of all CUP items applicable to University of Toronto students in the Medium II.



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*"Leaders face the issues"*





"In this election campaign, the opposition would have you believe that Ontario is on the brink of disaster, that every program initiated by the Davis government has been harmful to the welfare of the people of Ontario. This is simply untrue.

There is a difference between a Government and a Party that takes its job seriously, and the other parties, who come up with a few splashy gimmicks every election, with no substance under the tip of the iceberg.

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I believe it is the obligation of any government to foster the kind of atmosphere where these ideals can be realized.

There are many key issues at stake in this campaign. I have set out my personal feelings along with the policy of my Party in these issues in my 'Community Dialogue' newsletters. Please take the time to read the newsletter and I am hopeful that you will agree that the Progressive Conservative record has been a good one.

Everyone, everywhere, seems to be going through problems these days. Ontario is no exception. But if we sit down and think seriously for a moment, if we compare the quality of living that we have built up here in Ontario with the kind of life we would be able to have elsewhere, I think we'd honestly admit that we really wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Surely that is the true test of our government. I believe we have passed that test."

*Terry Jones*

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"Homecoming"

Okay people, I'm back. To some, that might be bad news. I hope to most of you the knowledge is good. I've got an awful lot of thoughts floating around in my head brought on by the past few months. Before I elaborate on these ideas, and since I missed the closing issue of last year, I'd just like to take this opportunity to say thank you for an interesting year, and I hope you all have a fine summer. Just keep happy until next September.

Good, that's done with. Now that it's next September, I hope you all had a fine summer and kept happy.

If you had the type of summer that I had, then right now you're probably wondering what the hell you're doing at Erindale. Lots of doubts boy, lots of doubts . . .

I went out to the college last week for registration with an open mind. Honest, it was really open. But it closed pretty damn quick. Now, you have to understand that after being alone and quiet in the mountains for two months, it was a real culture shock to be confronted by masses of people. What's more, it all seemed so futile and silly—standing in line for over half an hour just to receive a ridiculous white card that tells you who you are.

I know who I am, really I do. I suppose being out in the Rockies for a considerable length of time

gives one a different perspective on things. You begin to perceive what truth and reality is. Then you switch locations and there is a different truth and a different reality for that particular location.

Confused? Sign up here. Anyway, the above was just the usual annual cut-up registration bit. Ignore it if you've heard it all before.

I did a lot of travelling this summer. Lots of experiences, lots of tales. However, forget particulars for the moment and concentrate on the general stuff.

I think I learned a lot these past months, and probably have grown up considerably. But I don't want to commit myself on that—the future will be the judge.

I'm sitting at the typewriter now pecking all this out and I suppose it sounds so trivial. I have certain things inside myself that are anything but trivial. However trivialities are a comforting way of avoiding serious business. Believe me though, this avoidance is only temporary. Just stalling. Besides, how could I lay heavies on you during the first week of school. That's a sobering thought in its own right.

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in the impact the concerts had as opposed to the last visit. This is due, in part, to the atrophying

Stones quality on record and the impermanence created by the shifting members in the band.

Other concerts to perform as planned this summer were the aforementioned Todd Rundgren plus the new Blood, Sweat and Tears Band, Chicago, The Beach Boys, Paul Anka and Frank Sinatra (in order-confusing, entusing, diffusing, cruising, losing and bruising), all of whom performed at the Exhibition or Ontario Place. An added sweetener to the pot was the La Four who, by all accounts, were soothing.

Probably the biggest event of the summer was kept mum from the general public till it ended in August. This was the CBS Recording Convention held at the Royal York Hotel and at the Inn on the Park. This minor bash featured for the thousand or so guests and hangers-on Boz Scaggs, Jeff Beck (fresh from a successful O'Keefe Centre date), Phoebe Snow, a re-united Simon and Garfunkel, Bill Joel, the Hollies, Dan Fogelberg, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes and Stephen Stills, among others. And never was heard...

Coming up this fall will be a fine line-up of talent highlighted by the appearance of the splendid Paul Simon in mid-November and Janis Ian a week later. Tickets will be short for both these shows as well time around Christmas or later. Also coming will be Harry Chapin in October and the Strawbs soon after him to Massey Hall plus a concert by Steve Boodman at Con Hall.

# ECSU faces large debt

The Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) was left with a \$21,000 debt from last year's student government, the Student Administrative Government of Erindale (SAGE), revealed Student Union President Gregg Michael Troy last week.

"The debt," explained Troy, "is not a matter of loss or gain by SAGE, they just under budgeted for the year."

"It was a result of a lack of co-operation in SAGE, they did not keep within their budget. We have inherited the debt and we will try to pay it off. There are certainly no hostilities toward SAGE."

Outstanding bills included 1,000 dollars for locks from the previous year and 22 other "particul-

areas ECSU would cut its budget, Cooper replied that the decision has not as yet been made.

Troy said that there is a



ECSU President Gregg Troy and Finance Commissioner Larry Cooper face a \$15,000 1974-75 SAGE debt.

Photos: Michael Sawitzki

greater possibility that ECSU would bring in more revenue this year. "The Campus Center will be a moneymaker this year, hopefully covering the cost of operation and a loan which is outstanding to SAC, plus a surplus which will help ECSU. Revenue should also come from the Baconian Room and possibly Round Records.

ECSU is being given financial assistance in areas such as Orientation and the Graduation Banquet by the Administration, which will ease the traditional financial loss for those functions.

There is a series of four summer concerts in the planning stages for next summer. The concerts will produce additional revenue as well.

"By being more innovative, we will be able to cut the deficit," proclaimed Troy. "We'll have to cut some things out but we will reduce it somehow."

A chartered accountant, Bill Muchichka, has been employed by the ECSU in order to straighten out last year's books.



ars". The debt also resulted from many of the SAGE sponsored activities turning into money losers. For example, the 1975 graduation banquet lost a total of approximately three thousand dollars and the pub, then called "the Watering Hole," was a consistent money loser. Asked how the ECSU intended to make up for the loss incurred by SAGE, Finance Commissioner Larry Cooper replied, "We reduced the \$21,000 figure immediately with 6,000 dollars in cash which had been left behind in the safe. That brought the net figure down to \$15,000. To handle that we'll have to cut down on other things."

When asked to specify in what

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Buckminster Fuller, American planning visionary

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### On Leadership.

I would define leadership in the 1970's as being the responsibility of government to anticipate social and economic change, and then to use all the resources of government in clearing the path ahead, so that when society and its people have to make the journey from one set of circumstances to another, the passage can be made with the minimum of disruption and the maximum of preparedness.

William Davis Ontario Municipal Electric Association March 6th, 1973

In the Gallup poll taken June 19-21, 46% of 18-29 year olds believed Bill Davis would make the best Premier of Ontario at the present time, this compared with Nixon at 28% and Lewis at 26%.

Toronto Star Wednesday, July 9th, 1975

### On Law and Justice.

"Our American friends are familiar with the phrase 'law and order'. But I think here in Canada, and certainly in Ontario, our continuing concern has been more with 'law and justice' - a term that I prefer because without justice in the enforcement of law, there is very little likelihood of order in society."

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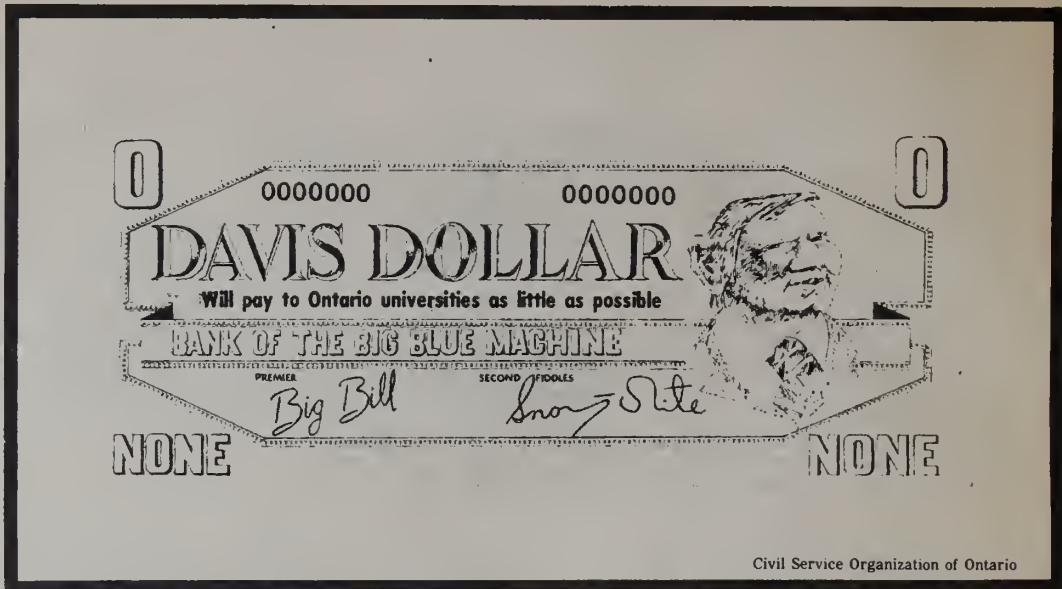
The new Erindale Student Union has taken little time to dispel the notion that a change in name is indicative of a change in attitude. Mirroring last year's administration it has adopted a rakish come-what-may attitude towards the attractions it lures to Erindale and has thus jeopardized the prospect of ever luring top name entertainment to the campus.

Following hard on the heels of the Folk Festival fiasco that was to highlight Orientation, new president Gregg Troy arranged to have the young folk star Dan Hill perform on the Thursday of Registration week. This was handled by Gregg and Rob Bennett (a manager of Vic College's folk club last year) through the management team of Bernie Fiedler and Bernie Finkelstein who handle Hill and many other top-flight Canadian acts (Bruce Cockburn, Murray McLaughlan). A long list of pre-requisites for the concert was given to Troy by Bennett. Among these included a dressing room for Hill, two alternate sites and a decent stage set-up. What transpired on the day of the show was enough to drive anyone to drink. Lo and behold a team of labourers occupied the original site early to work with jackhammers and so the site was moved to immediately behind the south building, a site so well hidden that the only people who saw the concert going on were locked in a Dundas St. traffic jam. Coupled with this was the non-existent publicity campaign which consisted of garbled messages broadcast from the O'Keefe Caravan by Troy himself. Naturally only a hundred and fifty people showed up to see an artist who is doubtless going to be a big name very soon. To top all this Troy himself did not even show up for the concert and had to be found when it came time to pay Mr. Hill for his services.

The result of all this is that Fiedler, who was himself present, received a very poor impression of the power structure at Erindale and will be very reluctant to have one of his clients perform here again.

The best that can be said about the Dan Hill show was that at least it went on (albeit late and in a rush). The same cannot be said for a proposed performance by Homemade Theatre, an innovative group of actors, who were to have had a show during Orientation week's Friday night. With contracts signed and the show ready to go Troy left the campus, leaving VP Ray Pidzamecky to move the entire show into the pub from its original location. The catch here was that another group, a rock band, was scheduled to perform in the pub that night and Homemade Theatre would neither share the bill with them nor play for a drinking audience when that condition was not in the contract. The result was that Homemade Theatre left without performing, with their \$400 dollars, incidentally and plan never to return here again.

—Bruce Dowbiggin



### Election '75

## Time for a change

When the polls open on the morning of September 18th, the people of Ontario will be forced to make that long delayed decision of the past month or so, by choosing the next government. Whether it will be a new government, in the sense that it is composed of either Liberals or New Democrats, or whether it will be a new-old government, heralding the triumphant renewal of the Progressive Conservative's mandate is a matter of sheer conjecture at this point. Regardless, the times and the situation currently confronting Ontario make this an election with more than usual significance. With this in mind, perhaps a few reflections on the campaign are in order.

Whether Conservative leader William Davis cares to admit it or not, Liberal leader Bob Nixon has managed to thrust, and keep the issue of integrity in the public

eye, with a seemingly favorable reaction. Both Mr. Davis and NDP Leader Stephen Lewis, have assailed the Liberal preoccupation with the integrity matter, and it must be admitted that there has been a certain amount of truth to their arguments. Still, the tendency to corruption in politics, with the accompanying exposes of same, occurring over the last five years has probably made integrity an integral aspect of most election campaigns that will come in the near future.

Fortunately, other and more pressing issues have received ample attention as well. Issues that have a direct bearing on the very way we function as residents of Ontario; the quality of education being dispensed in our learning institutions, the rapid disappearance of productive farmland and farmers to produce the food we must have, the uncertain status of future modes of transportation in the

province, — just three examples. Each party had presented its stand on the respective issue, and, for right or for wrong, they have invited the public to make their choice of the various policy positions.

While the party members concerned would undoubtedly deny it vociferously, not one of the three leaders has managed to escape from the campaign, untainted. This is only to be expected. All three are human, all three are prone to faults, lapses of better judgement, and various other minor foibles that tend to shed an unkind light on the individual. On the whole however, it would be difficult to seriously entertain the conclusion that any of the three lacks the capability to assume the Premiership. Mr. Davis as Premier, Mr. Nixon as Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Lewis as an unofficial Opposition Leader, have demonstrated their prowess in the Legislature over the past four years, and in the hustling this past month.

What if all comes down to then, is whether it is indeed time for a change. Have the Progressive Conservatives reached the end of their period of effectiveness—a period that has extended throughout 32 years? Have the Liberals the requisite answers, policies and candidates to persuade the citizens of Ontario to give them a chance? Or will it be the N.D.P., the dark horse candidate, that will spring ahead and shoulder the two older and established parties aside in its thrust to assume power? A study of the pools, the mood of the public and the predictions of the party flaks fails to clarify the matter to any reasonable degree.

This paper has decided to refrain from endorsing any one party at the expense of the others. This is partly due to the clear potential that is evident in all three leaders. But it is even more the result of the realization that upon the results of this election, the very future of Ontario as we know it, may depend. We are facing a time of uncertainty as inflation, lawlessness, and a general deterioration of society seem to be setting in. It would seem, then, that it is the particular responsibility of each and every voter to carefully weigh and consider the merits and deficits of each leader and party in turn. Only then, and with a clear regard for individual and Ontario's priorities in the future, can the final onus be placed on the voter to make the decision that will play such a contributing role in how that future develops.

Editor.

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Dear Tom,

I am enclosing a copy of a questionnaire which will be a preliminary for a further investigation of food services at Erindale. I would be grateful if you would consider publishing the questionnaire and publicizing the problems.

As you know, a fair number of options have been explored, attempted and abandoned over the years since the College opened. Whatever the attempts, customer satisfaction has been consistent — and low. University policy, established by the Governing Council, has been to make all ancillary services a break-even proposition. At Erindale, this means essentially that the residence fees have subsidized the cafeteria. That now seems not merely unfair but impractical if we are to hold the line on residence fees. In short, the problem is intensely practical and I am looking for the most satisfactory answer to a difficult question.

Any help Medium II can offer will be appreciated.

Desmond Morton,  
Associate Dean,  
Centres A & D.

1. Should food services at Erindale Break even financially?  
Yes No

If not, how should they be subsidized?

2. Cafeterias on the campus are now managed by Saga Foods. Is this monopoly arrangement satisfactory? Yes No

If not, what other arrangement would be preferable?

3. Should the College maintain cafeterias in both the North and South buildings? Yes No

If both cafeterias are necessary what differences should there be in their service?

4. What specific changes would you recommend in the present food services arrangements at Erindale?

5. Do you use Erindale food services regularly?

6. Would you attend a campus forum on food services?

7. Approximately how much do you spend in a week in Erindale College cafeterias and vending machines?

### "TROUBLE SHOOTER"

Dear Editor,

As a second year student of U of T, I have run into a lot of hassles with the administration. There seems to be five different people for every little thing that I need to have solved. Is there any way that Medium II can help us confused students in these matters?  
John Johnson.



# Davis, Lewis, Nixon face the issues

As interviewed by Robert Mowat and Tom Maloney

Medium II confronted the three major Ontario political party leaders in separate interviews last week. Each leader, Bill Davis of the Progressive Conservatives, Stephen Lewis of the New Democratic Party of Ontario and Bob Nixon of the Liberals, was asked the identical question in order that Medium II readers would be able to readily contrast the opinions and views. Following is the result of the Medium II interviews in question and answer format.

**MEDIUM II:** What effect will cut-backs in provincial funds to universities have upon the quality of the education provided by these institutions? Why was it necessary to implement these reductions, particularly in view of the increases in enrolment that will take place in the future?

**DAVIS:**—In 1975-76, universities will receive \$568 million, an increase of 16.9 per cent. The proposed support of colleges of \$201 million represents a boost of 15.4 per cent. In a year when provincial revenues will increase by only 10 per cent, it becomes obvious that this government is continuing to make priority of higher education.

**LEWIS:**—I believe that economies are possible in

Probably their expectations and commitments made at that time, which have led many universities and colleges to undertake programs which it appears now they can't continue. This is unfortunate.

**MEDIUM II:**—What plans would your government have for expansion of university facilities in the immediate future? Would it be necessary to significantly increase student tuition fees to ensure required expansion?

**DAVIS:**—University tuition has not increased for the last two years and in spite of the inflationary trend, we have committed ourselves to a minimal increase, if at all, for the '76-'77 year.

It is interesting to note that student tuition covers 17 per cent of the total cost of education of people at university.

**LEWIS:**—While some expansion of university facilities is necessary in areas of rapid population growth—Mississauga is an example—I would prefer to reorganize facilities within an existing system. This can best be achieved through a major revision of the system of university formula financing to remove some of the enormous premium on graduate teaching

**MEDIUM II:**—Can the extremely high costs of education be justified in the light of the rapid growth of the administrative segment of the educational system? Was the switch from local to regional school boards a benefit or a liability in this context and will it be necessary to phase back the administrative aspects of this department?

**DAVIS:**—Mr. Nixon has assailed the government claiming increases in administrative cost in the last five years of 295 per cent.

If this were close to true, it would be alarming indeed.

The statistics assure us that the total increases over the last five years has been 46.5 per cent or an average of 9.3 per cent per year which more or less keeps pace with inflation.

Regional school boards will certainly be an asset in the future as we have consolidated the administrative boards from 800 in number to approximately 200 today.

Further advantages will be realized from the uniformity of standards and policy which can be more effectively achieved.

**LEWIS:**—I am not ashamed of the high cost of education in Ontario. If I were Mr. Davis, I would be extremely embarrassed by how the money is spent and the results it achieves. In the Legislature, we have criticized the growth of educational bureaucracy. We have urged for a refocussing of priorities to give emphasis to primary and pre-primary education. I am convinced that it is in the early years of life that education can make the most fundamental differences. The shame of our education system is that youngsters start their school experience in over-crowded classrooms with over-worked teachers. We have urged the decentralization of the school system and the development of community councils to involve teachers, parents and qualified students in the development of policy and the sharing of public and educational concerns.

**NIXON:**—I feel that administrative costs at the elementary and secondary level are getting seriously out of proportion, and the hierarchy of administration from the Department of Education as well. That is why we have a commitment to slice off eleven million dollars of administrative costs at the Ministry level.

**MEDIUM II:**—Extensive criticism has been leveled at the present educational system and the students' abilities to perform basic scholastic skills. Has the movement away from the core curriculum to a credit bases system precipitated this decline in academic standards? How can this situation be best remedied?

**DAVIS:**—In fact, the credit system has met wide acclaim because it combines the flexibility of choice with a core curriculum. English and Canadian Studies are mandatory for every student. Statistics show that 100 per cent of grade 9 and 10 students are taking mathematics, 89 per cent are taking science and 82 per cent are taking physical education. In the upper grades, English and maths and science are taken by just about every student.

Ongoing study is being given to the credit system to allow for improvement.

**LEWIS:**—I am aware of widespread criticisms of present-day students. Frankly, I am young enough to find them often condescending and ill-informed. If the introduction of the credit system has failed to achieve all that was expected of it, I find the explanation in the impossible strain that our society's ex-



STEPHEN LEWIS, NDP: "Erindale College has been a victim of the whims of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities."

Credit: Bob Anderson—Photo Features

pectations and government neglect have placed on the primary system. A core curriculum may have merits but remember that its function is not to teach skills. Teachers and students understand this. I find it demagogic that some politicians should pretend otherwise. Our most specific remedy to the problem of declining mastery of skills is to reinforce the primary system. We would move systematically to wipe out the present \$515 difference between spending on primary and secondary school student per-pupil grants.

**NIXON:**—I believe that it has been the cause and our specific program is to establish a core curriculum, a phrase which we have used extensively in criticism of the present system, which we feel has an inadequate quality of standards.

We want 50 per cent of time in the school system to be spent on a basic core of subjects which would extend to approximately the Grade 11 level.

The remaining 50 per cent of the time would depend upon the requirements of the community and the interests and abilities of the individual. Beyond Grade 11, believe a student should have a basic understanding of Mathematics, Science, History, the English language; they are at the stage then when more personal decision can be made.

**MEDIUM II:**—What is your policy on transportation in view of the failure of the German magnetic levitation system, the off-on again Spadina Expressway, and the public debate over the desirability of the Pickering Airport? What measures would your government propose to provide alternative transportation, with particular regard to the increasing costs of petroleum products?

**DAVIS:**—First, I want to emphasize again that the heart of urban policy is, simply put, that the Government of Ontario will do all it can, in practical terms, to encourage the development of mass transit facilities in and between urban centres and as well that the Government will do whatever it can to prevent decisions on transportation policy which will have the effect of dumping passenger automobiles upon downtown streets of our cities.

Since the Spadina decision in 1971, some municipalities have seen fit to eliminate Expressway programs from their transportation plans. The people in the Spadina corridor have preserved their neighbourhoods and they will continue to do so. Since Spadina public transit has been given massive provincial assistance, our subsidy level has

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BILL DAVIS, Progressive Conservatives: "this government is continuing to make priority of higher education."

Ontario's university system. However, I do not believe that these can be achieved in the atmosphere of crisis planning created by the Davis government. Erindale College, itself, has been a victim of the whims of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities: this year's experience, when hundreds of highly qualified students have had to be turned away, only illustrates the problem.

**NIXON:**—I feel it's necessary, whatever the amount of provincial funds, that they be allocated on a five year budget so that the universities and colleges that depend almost exclusively on tax support will have sufficient notice for changes in government policy so that they can adjust themselves to it and lobby for changes.

I cannot answer whether it was necessary to cut back because our program is based on fiscal responsibility; we are very critical of the level of deficit, so I can not correctly answer that.

I feel that under the Conservatives, the priority of education in general, particularly post-secondary education, has dropped from the time when Mr. Davis was Minister of University Affairs, when there seemed to be no limit whatsoever on expenditure.

and replace it with an emphasis on quality undergraduate instruction. I believe, in principle, that tuition fees are as wrong at the university level as they would be in primary and secondary education. Our party is committed to their phased elimination as alternative revenue sources are developed.

**NIXON:**—We are going to have a thorough review of the old concepts of undergraduate and graduate work. I personally believe that the colleges should have a basic core of academic work which will lead to a degree either at the college level or in direct connection with the University.

The degree could very well be granted by the University and the college would co-operate with them in moving towards the degree. So I do feel that it is time to reassess and rationalize the post-secondary commitments that we have made and the facilities we've got.

No, we are not prepared to raise tuition. I recall the last time it was raised, was within a few weeks of the last election, when it had not been made an issue by the government of the day and they raised it an average of one hundred dollars for everybody. I felt this was seriously misleading as far as the university students were concerned.



BOB NIXON, LIBERALS: "The priority of education in general . . . has dropped from the time when Mr. Davis was Minister of University Affairs." Photo Credit: Robert Mowat



MEDIUM II INTERVIEW OF LEWIS, NIXON, DAVIS

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now reached an amount close to \$100 million a year. And we are now paying 75 per cent of all capital cost and 50 per cent of all operating deficit to every municipality in the province.

The Ontario Transportation Development Corporation is continuing study and development of the magnetic levitation system.

The technology and patents obtained from the Krauss-Maffei project which will form a base for the OTPC, has not cost the taxpayers of Ontario one penny. Through contractual arrangements all capital and administrative costs were recovered.

As the Ontario Government has consistently said the decision to construct a second international airport in Pickering was not ours to make. We have no jurisdiction in these matters as airports come under the total preview of the Federal Government.

LEWIS—Long before the Davis government would confess the failure of the Krauss-Maffei system, Michael Cassidy of our caucus had dissected its technical and practical defects. We have consistently and publicly opposed the Spadina Expressway. We have also opposed the Pickering Airport. We have opposed them because they were either models of an old and discredited technology, rendered plainly obsolete by the developing world energy crisis, or they were ventures into science fiction and headline-hunting. We are committed to an expansion of public transit, using in the first instance, proven modes like light rail. We would encourage the development of regional transit system, integrating planning and execution of transit and movement solutions for entire conurbations.

NIXON—We believe that public transportation is an extremely important matter in urban centers, particularly Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Windsor and our policy specifically calls for 75 per cent grants to those municipalities that which use approved forms of urban transit such as light rail. We think the light rail transit is like a modernized street car. Now, the government presently is moving towards research in that and I don't fault them for having such levitation linear induction concept called the Krauss-Maffei which is just a Bill Davis pipe dream.

We will pave the Spadina down to Eglinton without delay. The Pickering Airport, I believe should not be located in that area. The decision whether an airport is necessary is federal, but its location, we believe, should be a provincial decision. The Pickering site was chosen by McKeough and the Conservatives. We feel it was a mistake that it simply contributes to urban sprawl and it uses up too much class One and Two farmland.

MEDIUM II—In view of the series of deficit budgets that the Progressive Conservative government has produced since 1971, culminating in the 1.7 billion dollar deficit this year, what course would your government follow to reduce Ontario's expenditures while returning the province to a more stable economic position? Should the size of the Ontario government be trimmed to aid the realization of this goal?

DAVIS—The Ontario Economy is not an island. It must exist within the framework of world economic conditions and the fiscal leverage of federal policies. Let's talk expenditures in health as an example. In 1969, the federal government introduced a Social Development Tax in order to pay for its share of Medicare. This special levy extracted some \$225 million from Ontario taxpayers in its initial year. Ontario was given a choice: either commit itself to an open-ended spending program, or more of the funds would be returned to Ontario. Almost within a year, the Ontario case against Medicare was vindicated, as the total cost of the health-care system began to

escalate far more rapidly than federal expectations. At the Constitutional Conference of 1969, former Premier John Robarts stated:

"What guarantee have we that, in a few years from now, the federal government will not dump the full responsibility for this program on the provinces, and close off or limit its contributions after it has obliged the provinces to embark on this slippery slope?"

In June, 1975, the federal government announced its intentions to impose arbitrary ceilings on the rate of growth of its contributions in this area. Ontario's choice was either to pick up the cost (increasing provincial revenues) or deny needed service to Ontario residents.

It's beyond the scope of this brief response to explain in detail the necessity of Ontario's housing expenditures this year of some \$576 million. Suffice it to say that again, the choice was between building houses without the federal government paying its fair share, or denying housing to those who had a right to it.

We could go on like this for some time. We could mention that federal energy policies have drained this province of something like an additional \$1.5 billion in the past two years.

In respect of government size, it is useful to bear in mind that while the Ontario civil service complement has shrunk 4.4 per cent in the past two years, the federal civil service grew by 18,758 in 1974 alone, and it is estimated to expand by a further 10,000 as the result of the June federal budget. It's therefore, no wonder that while draining us of our own financial resources, the federal debt is costing each Ontario resident twice as much as our own provincial debt.

There are some other things we could say, too. In every year of the Davis Government, the value of our capital expenditures has been greater than our deficit. The money, therefore, is not going down the drain. It's being invested in Ontario's future for the things we need now, as well. We might suggest the reader bear in mind that government spending today accounts for a smaller percentage of the gross provincial product than it did four years ago: the 1971 figure was 11.3 per cent: today, it's 10.7 per cent.

Finally, it must be observed that a steady 71 per cent of our budgetary revenues have been channelled directly to the local government level. We're not letting anyone down.

LEWIS—While the specific annual debt of Ontario might be excused if it was part of a clear and rational plan, Ontario has drifted through the past four years of economic difficulty without a discernible plan. Translated into more personal terms, the province had a debt of \$199 per person when Mr. Davis came to power. Today, the debt has leaped to \$565 for each of us. Meanwhile, annual growth has slumped from 6 per cent in 1971 to an apparent zero in 1975 and an eighth of a million Ontario people are out of work. In short, the debt merely signals a failure of economic management, the one realm in which Ontario Conservatives once claimed competence. We are determined to rebuild the economy, through co-operation with business, labour and the academic community. Our housing programme, would provide employment opportunities radiating through the economy. A systematic review and elimination of prestige projects and inflated hierarchies in government itself would, I believe, set an example of frugality to the entire province.

NIXON—We have a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility. We can not guarantee a balanced budget each year, but we do believe where unemployment falls below 5 per cent, the budget should be balanced, and where inflation is the problem not unemployment, we ought to have a surplus budget, not a deficit budget.

The way to do this is to cut

government costs. We have already made our commitment to reduce the cost of the public services by 10 per cent without interfering with programs. Only a new government can do this; a government that has been in office for thirty-two years has lost the freedom of action that is necessary for this procedure.

I think that there seems to be a state of mind at Queen's Park which allows government agencies to build empires which increase the budget and numbers of people employed and also increases their involvement in local decision-making powers, which we feel are bad and we want to stop it.

MEDIUM II—To what extent is the present government offering but short-term solutions to Ontario's present economic plight? Does the implementation of a number of short term incentive programmes (E.G. temporary reduction of the sales tax, car sales tax rebate, home-buyers incentives), and the formation of the LaMarsh Commission (to investigate an area over which the provincial government has little control), indicate a sincere attempt to solve this problem by the Conservative government, or are these only measures designed to bolster the government's popularity? In this regard can the Ontario government's heavy reliance on promotional advertising be considered a necessity or an extravagance?

DAVIS—It is necessary to appreciate that different economic conditions demand different responses, that is why governments the world over do not pass an income tax act for 5 or 10 years, but enact new legislation each year. The economic conditions affecting Ontario have been varying so greatly, and with such rapidity, that we are literally "steering" our economy right now.

The temporary reduction in sales tax this year will cost Ontario \$354 million in lost revenue. To arbitrarily announce that we will make it permanent would make about as much sense as steering left in a car permanently, since the road just ahead was veering left.

If oil prices stabilize, if federal policies are aligned with urgent economic realities, if a sense of world tranquility returns a sense of peace and order, and then perhaps we can extend the length of measures we take.

At the same time, we should understand that our economic policies do not represent a band-aid approach to the operation of government. In 1974, and for the first time in history a foreign government bond issue (Ontario's) on the New York market was given a triple-A rating, the highest possible. Somebody out there knows we're strong. Our net debt is well below the guideline established by the Ontario Committee on Taxation. While we're only 36 per cent of Canada's population, Ontario residents produce 49 per cent of Canada's export of goods and services, and 52 per cent of Canada's manufacturing. And Ontario's average income is the highest per person in Canada. You don't reach that kind of position unless you understand what you're doing. The Progressive Conservative Government in Ontario works.

LEWIS—Obviously, the impact of the Davis government's July budget was not intended to last far past polling day. Most of the measures you list will, in fact, expire on either October 1st or January 1st. I believe that they are part of the cynical election-eering techniques of a party who has held power too long.

NIXON—One of my most serious criticisms is against Mr. Davis and the lack of principle in a government which would go forward with their programs in the last four or five months.

To a large degree, they are simply a wallpaper response to paper over the cracks within the government, which I believe has very seriously failed to come to grip with the long term requirements in housing, in moderation of the effects on

inflation, in the quality of education, in maintaining local autonomy in government. And also I believe that they are to be severely criticized for allowing the government to be responsive only to pressure groups: big business, big labour, big student organizations, big farmers organizations, big teachers organizations: somehow, they have lost the ability to respond to the needs of the individual.

The advertising drives me crazy. There is no justification whatsoever. Certainly, when deficit position is as you describe it; it is not 1.7, it is not 1.8 billion this year; another 100 million was added in McKeough's "mini-budget" for them to be advertising by billboards and jingles, inviting people to write in and we'll send you money for your brass band or hockey team is thoroughly irresponsible. The thing that gripes me is just what you say is in an election campaign: they shouldn't be advertising this way. That Wintario jingle is a very attractive ad, it makes you jump. But I believe it is doing them damage, rather than good. There is a backlash on that stuff.

MEDIUM II—How important is integrity to the outcome of this election campaign? Will the integrity, or lack of same of the three principal party leaders be a decisive factor in any one party's ascension to power?

DAVIS—On September 2, 1975, I was quoted in the London Free

Press as saying: I have not attacked a person on a personal basis, nor shall I through the rest of the campaign. To me, it is offensive...

I don't think the people of Ontario are interested in that sort of thing. I think they are interested in a positive approach, what the policies are, what the people are prepared to do.

LEWIS—As you know, I described the so-called integrity issue as phoney. I believe that the campaign has demonstrated the vulnerability of the author of the slogan. Mr. Nixon, charges that he forgets his word when it becomes convenient. Having failed in four years on behalf of his party to make any charge stick, it ill becomes Mr. Nixon to rake up old and exploded innuendoes against government ministers. My own impression is that the issue should and will rebound to the discredit of the Liberal party.

NIXON—I believe it is a major issue; certainly, Mr. Davis and I have squared off on it. But it is on the basis of the result of some of the best investigative journalism in recent political history that it has become an issue. The Globe and Mail particularly, as well as the Toronto Star, during the four years of the Davis government have revealed scandal after scandal of a serious proportion. I believe that the public has to consider this when they make their choice on election day.

Residence crisis . . .

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motel business, though he admits an extra effort will be needed.

The decision as to how and when more housing will be constructed lies with the University of Toronto's Department of Financing. "The financiers have problems," said Lavelle, "because the money is not that available. I am hopeful we will be able to push it. There is no doubt that (Erindale Principal Dr. Peter Robinson and (Vice Provost) Mr. Robin Ross are behind the push to get the houses built."

The unique town house style of residence has been quite successful financially. When the first houses were built two years ago, the rent for a single room was \$640 for the eight month school term. It has increased ten dollars to \$650 since.

"The fee covers every aspect

every possible expense," said Lavelle. "The cooperation" among the students living in residence has kept the rent down. For instance, if there is a waste of Hydro, the rents will go up the next year to cover the increased cost of electricity, just as they will is there is a lot of damage. Students realize that they have to be cooperative in order to live as inexpensively as possible."

The Housing office has been attempting to place out of town students in Mississauga homes and have been very successful in their efforts. "The Mississauga Times and The Mississauga News have both been very good to us," said Virginia deBel, Lavelle's assistant. "Their articles brought a good response from the people of Mississauga and we have been able to accommodate many of the students who need places to stay.

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"There is no torture a woman will not undergo to save her beauty."

—Michel Montaigne, French moralist (1533-1592)



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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Reviews and Previews

## Air Conditioned Art

By Bruce Dowbiggin

Medium 11-Entertainment Editor Having experienced one of the hottest summers in memory the best thing I can report from the city's theatres and cinemas is that those establishments which did not have air conditioning mercifully packed it up in May and headed north. The only notable exception to this rule was the ubiquitous Roxy Theatre which relied solely on cosmic gusts to cool the patrons inside before finally succumbing to the inevitable and buying a system in late June.

## THEATRES

The theatre scene remained relatively quiet after Tarragon Theatre and Factory Theatre Lab closed out their seasons in late May. Theatre Plus was the only In-town theatre of any stature to produce, again procuring the Town Hall in the St. Lawrence Centre for the summer. Tarragon's final production before their upcoming year's sabbatical was David French's *One Crack Out*, a vigorous melodrama based on the pool hall subculture of the city and featuring another colourful Bill Glassco cast of Les Carlson, Robert O'Ree and Richard Donat. Factory Theatre Lab closed out their season with *Underground*, a sensual play by Brian Wade starring Samatha Langevin as the focus of a seedy love-hate triangle. Its seductive nature was strongly reminiscent of Albee's *Virginia Woolf* and yet Wade himself drew on some ingenious angles of this well-worked theme.

Theatre Plus opened their summer program with a renewal of Michael Tremblay's *Forever Yours*, Marie-Lou and then followed it with Tennessee Williams' *Streetcar Named Desire*. Both productions were planned to draw subscriptions for the entire Theatre Plus summer series and in fact they did succeed in drawing crowds as well as some critical praise. Buoyed by this success the management presented its two first-time entries to the Toronto audience, *Children*, by A. R. Gurney concerning tremors in the Waspish crust of a New England family and *The Physicist*, a black comedy classic from Friedrich Durrenmatt receiving its first significant exposure here. For those who might like to sample the Theatre Plus offerings, they will be continuing *The Physicist* at the St. Lawrence Centre's Town Hall till Sept. 26 and student's rushes are only \$2.00. It will probably remain the best thing in the city till the established winter theatres get going later on and is well worth trying.

The only other theatres which presented this summer were Toronto Truck Theatre who served up their usual potpourri of standards, classics and farces in the *Collonade*, Theatre and the Phoenix Theatre which housed productions of Pinter and Ann Jellicoe, among others. It might be noted here that Toronto Truck will be moving to new quarters soon and hopefully this will result in them daring something beyond the "tried and trues" formula that kept them financially afloat the past few years.

The major events out of town were again, Stratford and The Shaw festival. Stratford lured Robin Phillips from the English Royal Shakespeare Company to organize their program this year and despite a weak production of *St. Joan* at season's start, he managed to bring along an energetic enough schedule of shows to keep the tour buses rolling to the parking lot. The best news at Niagara-on-the-Lake this year was the emergence of a good restaurant to go with the professional shows produced down there. An added note to Stratford's season was their hiring of Urjo Kareda, a former Erindale teacher, away from the Toronto Star as its new literary manager.

Mentioned previously,

Tarragon Theatre will not be working this season while Bill Glassco and his staff give Toronto's most successful theatre a re-thinking and a breather. There will be a large number of groups performing again, however; principally, Toronto Free Theatre and Factory Theatre Lab plus Theatre Passe Muraille and Toronto Workshop Theatre. All of these groups present top-notch Canadian entertainment and they will be variously aided and undone by the traditional dinosaurs at O'Keefe, The Royal Alex and the St. Lawrence Centre. From these names we may be sure of only two things: One, the Royal Alex will swear it isn't making Ed Mirvish any richer and two, the O'Keefe will again present The London Palladium Show.

We will try to report on all these groups here in the paper but principally we will concentrate on productions which feature Canadian and original material, so follow these pages for the names and prices of the winter's best presentations.

## MOVIES

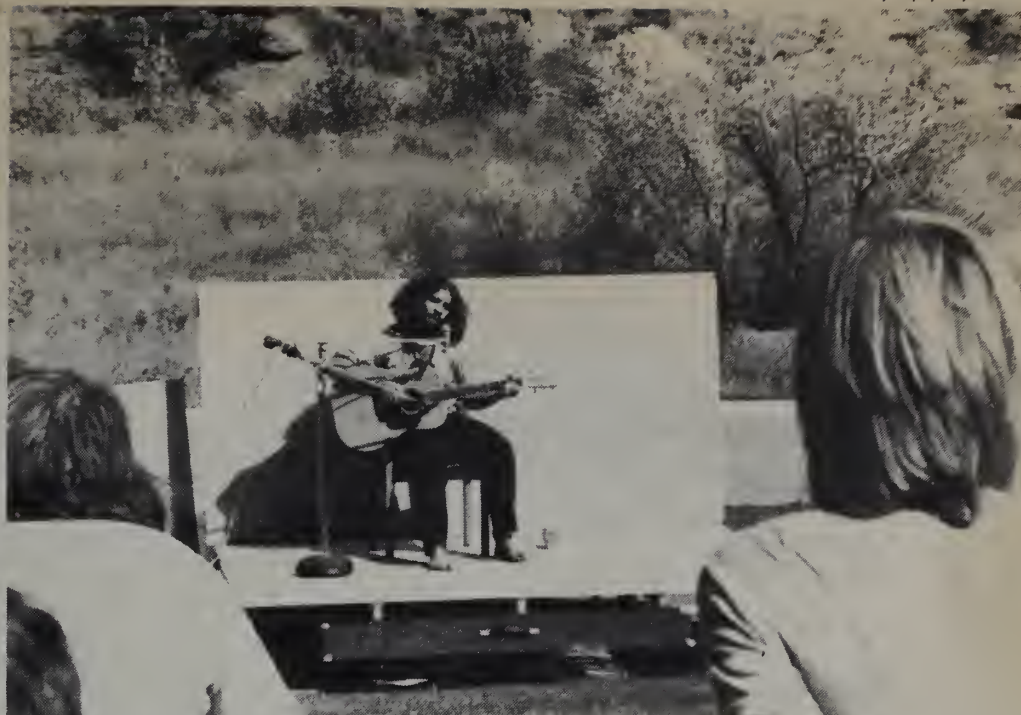
Being a traditionally profit making venture, the movie industry has little of the same on-and-off season cycles that the professional theatre experiences and, as such, will premier its new movies at regular intervals during the year. Summer is not notoriously popular for the launching of major productions but this summer the big daddy of all the big daddies at the box office arrived in Toronto and it now promises to stay here till legislated against. The subject of this mirth is, of course, *Jaws*, the movie currently exploiting most phobias known to man with plenty of precise thrashing and chomping from a mechanical white shark that will supposedly devour the US Fleet if let go unchecked. Phenomenons being what they are it seems fruitless to review the film here and suffer the approving poundings of the silent majority's sufficient pocketbook. It does beat going to see *Walking Tall Part II* however.

Of greater significance was the arrival of Robert Altman's new film, *Nashville*. Its extraordinary dimension leaves the traditional move-goer reaching through its fleeting form in a way last captured in Robert Scorese's *Mean Streets*, a blank synecopation that creates a dull sensation where there once was power in the scene. *Nashville* is the new fringe of movie making (and not *Rollerball* with its future shocks on skates) and it should not be missed. It along with the frenetic *Day of the Locusts*, are the major art films of significance from the summer, far surpassing the Antoniono movie, *The Passenger*, which had Jack Nicholson acting like he really knew what he was doing there with Maria Schneider.

On a completely different note *King Arthur* and the *Search for the Holy Grail* galloped into town in June and this precipitated enough madness to keep the faithful waiting in queues all summer. The net result of this devotion was doubled when Woody Allen's latest flick joined *The Holy Grail* at the Uptown. It is labelled *Love and Death* and makes Ben Hur look like an epic too, apparently, as Woody (renowned Chicken Fat with a College Degree) takes on Tolstoy and the Romanoffs.

Films to look for, in addition to those already mentioned above, are Robert Mitchum as Phillip Marlowe in *Farewell, My Lovely*, a remake of an old Bogart flick; *Brother, Can You Spare a Dime*, a credible melange of film clips highlighting the depression '30's and "Once Is Not Enough", the winner of this year's Oscar for unintentional humour (look for Kirk Douglas' chin in this one—stunning).

On tap this fall for those of you who cannot afford or simply will not pay the regular \$3.50 tab at most theatres are the endless



Dan Hill, a natural in bare feet, performing at Erindale during Orientation.

Photo Credit: Rob Mowat

## Fame is fretting

by Bruce Dowbiggin

Dan Hill is a likeable performer, a pleasing blend of campfire musician and soulful poet twined uniquely in the one artist. His passion and youthful enthusiasm shoot out at his audience like the untamed reams of curly hair on his head while his barefoot appearance lets us know that he probably chordeed his first songs in a relentlessly suburban basement somewhere. It is an agreeable combination, irresistible in the university atmosphere.

For the hundred-fifty odd souls

showings of films you always meant to see and films that make good party chatter, at the discount movie houses. Indeed the success of these theatres (among them the 99c Roxy, the Revue, Cinemas Lumiere, the Kingsway, OISE) has been one of the nicest surprises of this year. Showing everything from classics to high camp they have generated passionate audiences and impressive revenue. The owners of the Roxy thought so highly of themselves and their fortunes to buy the New Yorker Cinema on Yonge St. and turn it into a \$2.00 movie house for top films just out of Famous Players. For those people living in the Erindale environs the closest of these cinemas is the Kingsway on Bloor St. at Royal York Rd., a Mississauga Transit ride away (book now).

## MUSIC

The most significant attitude to hit Toronto's rock populace this summer, or even this year has been its grudging support for live concerts. The money still flows on record sales but a seemingly cynical generation of ticket buyers has watched concerts by Minnie Riperton, Albert King and John Hartford go by the boards. Stand bys like The Stones and Todd Rundgren managed to do nicely by the local fans but the Jefferson Starship show for Varsity Stadium, the Mosport Labour Day festival and the Garden's Eric Clapton show all lost or will lose enough money to dissuade their reappearance here. Informed sources tell me, however that the Mosport festival is merely a padded punch to keep the behaviour record of Jack Wall's 'Getting It On' productions clean at Mosport in lieu of a riot at next summers proposed Led Zeppelin concert. Hopes run high that that single venture will recoup the losses incurred by 'GIO' productions now and yet Zeppelin officials have all but turned down the outdoor site proposed a year in advance.

This summer saw the Stones return to Toronto, performing two nights in a Turkish Bath at the Gardens. Despite the addition of Ron Wood, Faces guitarist and a wedding in the first night crowd, there was a noticeable sag

that discovered him playing behind the south building last Thursday there were sufficient doses of these qualities to drown out the nearby jackhammers and block out the trauma of registration day bureaucracy. He was soothing enough to even erase the distraction of a nearby Dundas St. traffic jam that served as a background. All this despite a mediocre publicity campaign to announce his appearance at the school and a last minute change in sites to avoid direct competition from the Mississauga Rhythmn Rockers soloing on their drills nearby.

Dan Hill's music is still in a formative stage, of course. At twenty-one he has only just come to public attention in Toronto and an accomplished performer usually needs a good deal more time and public reaction to hone his repertoire before reaching international status. There seems little doubt that he is capable of such prodigious fame; he has the basic tools and the confidence in himself to succeed. He has been staked to his chance by promoters Bernie Fiedler and Bernie Finkelstein who seem to believe too that Dan can make it on a large scale and they should know something about talent, it seems, having both Bruce Cockburn and Murray McLauchlan in their stable of performers. And for Canada those are the biggies, friends.

Like most folk singers Hill is a lyric artist, his lyrics represent the core of his appeal and there are many instances in a Dan Hill performance to indicate that he can cut a mean metaphor when he chooses. He rapturizes about his parents as rebel lovers in another day, a black and a white defying society in the name of love as they flee to start a new life (and let's see you make that one go over in Don Mills); he puckishly confesses a list of things he's always wanted to do with his girlfriend and then

loudly declares the extremes this love might drive him to, namely fatherhood, and pedagogy in another song. This last song might sound familiar to you if you had the misfortune to be strapped to an AM radio station all summer. The song, "You Make Me Want To Be" was given extensive airplay on CHUM and even crawled into the FM lists too. Given an effective sound system like the one he had on the Erindale lawns he can become downright cosy to settle in with. The only shortcoming he has is that he hasn't yet written enough solid songs to give his show consistency throughout. On occasion the image that once completed a song's sensibility is dropped rudely and out of place into another. This creates a thinning effect on the entire set, one that is only partially recovered in his engaging between songs banter. Dan is an adequate guitarist but it is not hard to foresee him getting a lead guitarist to handle his instrumental breaks while he plays accompaniment; indeed it might give him more time to work with his audience and highlight his lyrics.

One more note on Dan Hill's performance; if appearances were enough to guarantee notoriety, the free-spirited gnome that parades as Dan would be filling the Gardens already. An imposing five-foot-five, he looks as Bohemian as anyone who stepped out of the folkie fads of years ago in the Village. I almost found myself intimidated.

For any betting people, Dan Hill is my best bet as the next important artist to make Canadian content on the radio a little less trying for station managers, joining the Anne Murrays and Lightfoots on play-lists from coast to coast. Why he might even make the radio people forget Henry Cuesta.

## Baconian Room singer opens to empty room

The singer was on time but the audience was late. On Thursday, September 4, as a part of E.C.S.U.'s Orientation schedule, folk singer Jim Peters began his performance at 6.30 in the Baconian Room. The audience was late because most of the students were waiting to see the movie *American Graffiti*, which was also to start at 6.30. At 7.00 the perplexed students were told that the movie had not arrived and they should go to the Baconian Room. Jim Peters had been playing to an empty room for about half an hour. Suddenly, about 30 people appeared, this time to find out that the bar had not yet opened. The delay was due to the fact that everything needed to stock the bar was bought at the very last minute.

Once the bar was opened and everyone was settled down there was still one important ingredient missing; atmosphere. The lights were too bright and the room felt cold. Later in the night two small spot lights were found and the main lights were turned off; it helped greatly.

The Baconian Room is located on the main floor of the South building next to last year's S.A.G.E. office. The Baconian Room is a good alternative to the pub. In this new room you can drink wine or tea. This is operating under Special Occasion Permits and has a self-serve bar. With time and a little more organization, the Baconian Room will probably be a success.

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## Ryckman brings new ideas

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Although the position of Athletic Director deals more with the administrative aspect of Athletics, on first seeing Bob Ryckman at 200 pounds, and five-foot-one-inches sitting behind his desk in a sweat shirt, shorts and addidas, you realize how much he desires the nitty-gritty physical aspect of athletics, such as coaching.

However, after looking at his credentials, you may consider this analysis a complete understatement.

Bob started at St. Thomas, later graduating at the University of Western Ontario with a B.A. in Physical Education. He moved on to North Bay where he taught and coached for two years. He again hit the books at Bowling Green State University where he completed his masters in Physical Education and also received his doctorate in Education Administration. Returning to Canada, he taught one year at Brock and two years in Whitby. While he wasn't learning new techniques or teaching, he spent his time coaching winning football, basketball, rugby and swimming teams, quite an accomplishment.

Advantageous to us, is the fact that Bob would like to do some coaching while he is here, but as he says "I don't pretend to be an expert at everything, hardly anything for that matter".

Bob is the type of person who, won't venture into any activity unless he feels there is desire for that activity among the students and, of course, people (students) to organize them.

However, Bob wants to promote rugby because he feels that "there are certain activities that we should have and rugby is probably one of them. Many students coming here have probably played rugby. It is a good contact game with very few injuries, it is also cheap to run and we have an excellent football field for it, and last, it is a quite enjoyable game". Because of the great

natural facilities we have, feels that they should be put to use for such activities as track and field, Orienteering or the new activity he hopes will catch on.

Because of Bob's great interest in swimming, he would love to see an outdoor pool built at Erindale and an outdoor ice-hockey rink, thereby eliminating rental payments at Huron Park. I asked him about a sports complex instead of the pool and rink, to which he states "for the time being it is not necessary, and besides the financing would be just too immense". Getting back to his original idea, he has worked out a financial arrangement which seems very reasonable. As he puts it, "As soon as we realize the necessity of a commodity and do not construct it now we are really paying for it at the present". What he has in mind is tacking on an additional \$5-\$10 per student over a twelve-year period over

which the pool will "pay for itself".

The present system will be revamped in that new activities will be introduced and an appeal will be made to the students to come down and take part in these activities. He plans special programs in the gym to help bring out people and increase use of the gym, introduce low-organizational sports and increase competition by pitting campus centres against each other.

According to Bob "athletics have concentrated too much on men and not enough on women", to help remedy this, a lady assistant athletic director has been hired.

It seems that we have a lot to look forward to this year. From our new athletic director and new activities, so much that we may not have enough time for the old ones, namely classes.



Bathtub Action during Orientation.

Photo Credit: Michael Sawitzki

## Ryerson team takes Erin Bath tub event

By Joseph Cardoni

The date was the fifth of September, the location, the pond at Erindale College, the event, the Annual Bath-Tub Race.

This year's event, which was sponsored by the Labatt's Community Service, attracted spec-

tators from as far away as the downtown campus, Ryerson, and two contestants from hometown Erindale.

The Contestants, suited up in anything from skin-diving equipment to overalls and manning everything from rubber dinghies to an air mattress that accommodates a log holding two chairs which seat two passengers, till the two passengers got on that is.

The race began with the "spinning moon at noon" team from Ryerson taking the lead and keeping it till the end with the other teams completely out of contention as they spent most of their time trying to hang on to their runaway or overturned "bathtubs".

There seemed to be a problem with sabotage during the race as Ryerson's rubber tube was stolen during the course of the race to allow second place team to catch up. Unsuccessful attempts to gore holes into their tube were also attempted, much to the delight of the Erindale supporters. When asked about the attempted sabotage the Ryerson team of Doug McBride and Craig Taylor replied, "I don't want to mention any names, but Pierre, Tom, Jane..." As to their training, well, they credit it to a torturous year of physical training and an hour before the race in the Erindale Pub.

## Revamped Karate Program

By Joseph Cardoni

For the past few years, many physical and laboured evenings have been spent in the teaching Studio of Erindale attempting to develop the art of Karate. However, many students have been complaining that the instruction has been going down hill ever since its start. This year the course will be instructed by the Canadian Academy of Martial

Arts, headed by Burt Konzak an instructor of Zen and the Martial Arts at the downtown campus. Instructing at Erindale will be a very impressive student of Mr. Konzaks school, a brown belt, Gerry Lin.

One member of this academy who attended last year's course at Erindale was John Sadler, who is at present here at Erindale. John quit last year's course after

just three weeks because, as he puts it, "the course was all physical, it involved no technique at all, it was just a matter of getting in shape."

This year's course stresses also other aspects of the Martial Arts. Mr. Lin intends to develop equally the mind and body, or as he puts it, harmonization of the mind and body". He adds that in his training he would like to develop the individual with self-confidence not just in the self defence aspect, which is important, but also in the interaction with one's environment.

What amazed me at their demonstration here at Erindale was not only their agility and self control, but also the respect they have not only for their teacher, but also amongst themselves or for their audience.

Registration: Sept. 22-Oct. 3, Rm 1114

Fee: \$2-\$5 (depending on number of students)



Karate Demonstration at Erindale.

Photo Credit: Joe Cardoni

## "Grand Free" race slated

By Joseph Cardoni

Free firewood, water and washroom facilities available. Well the free facilities are still the same, only the name of the regular event has been changed. Because of the 'powerplay' that occurred over contracts for next year, Mosport found itself with a Grand Prix with no money-drawing entrants. Mosport Park was then forced to replace the highly popular Canadian Grand Prix with "an experimental 'Grand Free'".

It takes place on the 20 and 21 of this month and, as the name implies, there is no admission fee.

Featured events will be the Bulova Championships, the Gold Cup Super B's an aerial performance by the Snowbirds, and to top things off, a draw for a Porsche Pace car.

If you find yourself with any extra time on hand do attend, it is free, and anyway, next year you may find yourself paying an 'arm and a leg to get in'.

## Athletic facilities at Erindale

Welcome to Erindale, you are now officially enrolled here as students and will be here for a minimum of 3 years. During this period you will take the required courses and follow expected procedures such as arriving at 9.00 after a long car ride or an even longer bus ride, going to class, and then hitting the road again. No, that's not what we expect from you this year. Unknown to most, Erindale has two lower levels which contain the athletic and recreational facilities. We are equipped even with a gym which can accommodate anything from basketball to ballroom dancing, a training room for all of the He-men, a recreation room with table tennis tables and pool tables for the sharks (please legitimate use only). Just around the corner from the recreation room you will find the Teaching Studio which holds activities such as judo, slim nastics karate, which has become very popular here at Erindale. For the person who has

everything, we have installed 3 squash courts for your pleasure, which I'm glad to say, are put to very good use.

Use of these facilities, of course are open to everyone, the school provides athletic lockers and also a towel service at a very minimal cost.

The people to see about all this are found in room 1114 or in Archie's Den, room 0116, where reservations are made. They'll be very glad to help you out.

Besides all these facilities for your individual enjoyment, there is also the Erindale College Athletic and Recreation Association, (ECARA for short) which promotes participation in athletics and recreational activities. The one activity appealing to most students is intermural sports. Every year they become more successful and more enjoyable.

It is impossible to list everything that is offered by ECARA, so please go down to see them anytime.

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Hours: Mon.-Fri. 12:00p.m.-1:00a.m.  
Sat. 8:00p.m.-1:00a.m.  
SALT SPRING RAINBOW  
Bands Fri.: 1:00-4:00 & 8:30-12:30

Pub closed Thursday, Sept. 18, due to elections.